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Hello all,

We had about 20 community people come to the Watco Open House on Thursday, May 16 at the Hegewisch Public Library between 4:30 and 7 pm. EPA staff were: Kristina Miller, Patrick Miller, Brad Benning and myself. ATSDR was represented by Michelle Colledge and Mark Johnson. Attendees had questions about Watco, S.H. Bell, neighborhood air monitoring and public health. We had received 7 access agreements before the open house via mail or email. We collected an additional 8 access agreements at the open house for a total of 15 by the end of the evening.

Olga Bautista of the Southeast Side Coalition to Ban Pet Coke attended and spoke to attendees at one of the tables in the room. She was asking people to sign up for a manganese study being conducted by UIC.

Alderwoman Sadlowski-Garza and David Applegate from Sen. Duckworth's office attended. Ismael Cuevas, the alderwoman's assistant, posted the event on Facebook while in attendance (see attached image). Mr. Cuevas

asked that we notify the 10th Ward office and CPD before EPA crews start work so they can respond to likely community inquiries to their offices.

From the press we had Lisa Sowa-Downs (The Hegewisch Times-a quarterly publication) and Christopher Cotto (Univision). Ms. Sowa-Downs said she was a writer for the paper and also a member of the board somehow related to one of the baseball fields EPA is interested in sampling. She spoke with our staff and members of the community. Their next publication date is in June, and she offered to publish any communication that we may want to provide. Mr. Cotto interviewed both Olga and me on camera. He videotaped the map and our staff in the room and then left. I've not seen if there was a story at last night's newscast.

The rest of you in attendance, please feel free to add your comments.



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US EPA is at the Hegewisch Library today from 5p-7p to explain their soil sample project. Stop by for more info. Check the map in the pics for the boundary lines. If you live in Hegewisch and have more questions, please call US EPA at 312-353-1057



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